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## Fete and Christmas Tree

At Elgie J. Clum's

Christmas Eve was a most enjoyable evening at the home of Elgie J. Clum on section 28, township 12, range 18, the object and occasion of the meeting being a Christmas tree to the children of the district, which since its formation has borne the name of Lone Star.

Strictly speaking this was the first Christmas for the settlers in their new and adopted homes in the district between the two Bow rivers. Last year there was only a few shacks to be seen in all that new country, but now there are quite a number of families who evidently intend to bring to their adopted country, not only energy and enterprise, but also an ideal Christianity.

It is by no means fair to mention any names in the Lone Star district and not to make mention of all on this particular occasion, yet too much cannot be said to the praise of Mrs. Clum, who, together with Mrs. Branton, Mrs. Wilner, Mrs. Darrow and some others, have organized a Sabbath school, in the interests of which the Xmas tree was specially got and enriched with presents and adorned with gold and silver tinsel. Mr. Clum voluntarily lent his house and gave his assistance to prepare it for the occasion.

Being first cleared of almost all the furniture the west end was made to do duty as a hall. The Christmas tree, a stainless save for the words "A merry Christmas" which were printed in green letters on the snow-white curtains. In front of this a green arch bearing the word "Welcome" in snow-white letters spanned the house. The Christmas tree standing in the north-west corner looked in the light of the several lamps to be laden with snow and to be glittering with diamonds and chains of silver and gold but to the juveniles and modest to many others it was laden with real gifts.

Rev. A. McCombie presided and the programme, which consisted of music and recitations, was contributed to by Mr. and Mrs. Clum, Mrs. Branton and several of the Branton family, Mrs. Darrow, Miss Douglas, Miss Wolfe, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Whitson, Master John Henry and Miss Lillie Reason, Master Lawrence Parge and Miss Arleyn Clum.

The Chairman, amongst his many

remarks, referred to the meeting as being unique, not only because it was the first Christmas to the settlers between the Large and the Little Bow rivers, but more so from the fact that so many nationalities and creeds were represented in their little gathering. He said that because of this fact it was surely an echo of the angels' song on the first Christmas Eve, and met there as they were "in the spirit of unity and the bond of peace" was surely in keeping with that angelic song and heaven's own greeting.

A rich lunch was provided by all by the ladies of the neighborhood, of which there was more than enough; and after distributing the presents from the Christmas tree to those present some nice little parcels were sent to a number of children at long distance to attend the meeting. It reminded one surely of the blameless religion of Nehemiah's time when "they ate and drank and sent some portions unto those for whom nothing was prepared" was an ideal Christmas Eve in a new country! Surrounded as they were by adverse circumstances and environments every face seemed to beam with joy and happiness as they sang their parting hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

## Concert and Dance at Minot

A grand concert and dance was held in the Minot Schoolhouse on the 28th ultimo in aid of John Lyce. The doors opened at 7:30 and the concert commenced at 8 o'clock promptly. The schoolhouse was packed to its utmost capacity, a partition having to be moved in order to give more seating accommodation. Owing to the Christmas holidays some of the orchestra had indulged rather too freely in the liquid that brings both joy and grief. Notwithstanding the concert was first-class. Mr. Robert Evans was the chairman. Great credit is due to some of the artists who came from Taber and favored the company with music from the bagpipes, which received great applause from the seats present. The dance opened with a Scotch strathspey and reel played by the bagpipers. Mrs. Frank Lave, Mr. Hill, Miss Seelye and Mr. Semple took part. Mr. Thomas Irvine took charge of the "floor" in good shape. The dancing finished at 11:40, all feeling well satisfied.

## Church Services

St. Theodore Church.—Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 3 p.m.; Evening Prayer, 7:30 p.m.; Holy Communion, 11 a.m. first Sun. in each month and 8:30 a.m. on third Sunday in the month.

Knox Church.—Morning service at 11 a.m., followed by Sunday School and Bible Class. Evening service, 7:30. Wednesday Congregational Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.—Sunday school at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sacrament meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday evening service at 8 a.m.—Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association, every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Primary Association every Saturday at 3 p.m.

Punch thanks a certain newspaper for a new word. The paragraph reads: "Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. F. left for London en route for the south coast where the honeymoon is being spent."

## Want Duty Removed

North-western States Will Take  
Steps to Secure Cheaper Coal

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 26.—Commercial organization throughout the inland empire and the northwest will be invited to join the chamber of commerce and the 150,000 club of Spokane, in a memorial to the tariff revision committee and the Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Utah delegations in congress, asking for the removal of tariff on coal. This means that a short ton will be 50 cents cheaper than at present, thus saving thousands of dollars a year to manufacturing concerns, steam plants, office and hotel buildings and householders in districts depending upon the miners in British Columbia for their fuel supply. Mayor C. Herbert Moore said that the mines in Washington and elsewhere in the northwest, owned by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads, do not produce much more than to supply their own needs, adding: "Very ordinarily, for domestic and manufacturing purposes, we get our supply from Wyoming and British Columbia. British Columbia is near to us and the growth and development of its coal mines would tend to our economical development and would build a new mining section in which we would share the profits. I refer to the mines near Fern and elsewhere to the north of Montana and Idaho. I understand that the tariff revision committee is now considering this problem, and that if one reduced tariff is adopted it will be in the nature of a reciprocal measure with Canada. Ontario gets most of its coal from Pennsylvania and Ohio, and the Canadian duty is about the same as ours. In New England much of the coal comes from New Brunswick. It seems to me the change would work to the benefit of both countries."

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1. Great anxiety is being felt by the inhabitants of Greenbank, a small town just inside the border line in Virginia, over the steadily increasing appearance of a burning crater, of seemingly volcanic nature, on the side of a neighboring mountain. Flames are distinctly visible at intervals, accompanied by rumbling noises of internal disturbances. The air in the vicinity is strong with sulphur fumes.

The smouldering mass is situated on a small bluff overlooking a creek in the wild lands on the western side of the Alleghenies, directly west of the Virginia Hot Springs, which is almost on the border. A spring of sulphur water near the bluff has been noted for a number of years for its vile odor and taste. Many people have observed the flames emerging from the crevasses among the rocks in the mountain. The area of the molten mass has spread until it now covers some fifty square yards. Several people, while digging about the sod in the burning section, have turned up hot embers with their spades at a depth of six inches below the surface.

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# MODIFIED STYLES IN DEMAND

## CLEANSING HINTS OF MANY SORTS



DIRECTOIRE SASHES

THE Directoire sash is over. The sheath skirt has subsided. The world feminine has returned to normal, regular heart-beats. Styles for the season of 1918-9 are now fixed. They are simply the extreme styles as shown in September, gracefully modified to meet the needs of the conservative American woman.

From the very start of the sheath skirt panic, I have maintained in these columns that no well-bred, sane American woman would ever consider the mode seriously, neither would she accept the extreme Directoire styles. The sheath skirt has been seen only upon

the stage and then in such productions as featured the feminine form divine, rather than dramatic interest or virtue acting. It is now relegated, along with Salome dances, to the has-beens of a theatrical year barely begun.

The Directoire modes have left a stronger influence, but only in such general effects as snuggler skirts, bigger reverses and long, narrow sleeves. The exaggerated Directoire hat, the wide swathing sash, the interminable train have all been tabooed by well-dressed women.

The sheath skirt now appears only in tunic effects, or an outer skirt of soft, clinging fabric, split up one side to display not "sheath hosiery," but a drop skirt, generally clouded with fine side-platings of sheerest material like chiffon or chiffon cloth.

A very popular combination is the drop skirt or princess slip of soft, clinging satin with an over-dress of velvet or very supple cloth. The satin under-slip is absolutely skin tight with no dust ruffle or pleating around the foot. Over this is draped a tunic effect that seems to fall from the shoulder to the hem in all one color, the bands or fringe used as a finish being in self tone. With this is worn a tucker or yoke and long sleeves of net, either in soft, contrasting color like ecru or mode, or dyed to match the cloth, while for very dressy effect a modified Directoire sash in self tone may be added.

But at the best houses, strong contrasts in coloring between gown and trimming are not noted with the exception, perhaps, of a dash of black with white or colors.

A marked feature of the advancing season is the appearance of beautiful Louis, Directoire and Empire coats in bengaline or ottoman silk, a fabric suitable for day wear, never for evening. For all evening wraps, supple satins are preferred.

Bordered fabrics are much used, especially for tunic effects, and with the advancing season supple broadcloths in fancy designs are shown. Brown increases in popularity as the weather becomes colder, and it is an ideal winter shade, especially in the soft

cloths and satins with hints of golden lights in their surface.

The illustrations offered to-day show how charming are the modified styles, brought within the scope and purse of the home-dressmaker.

First, you have the Directoire coat which would develop so admirably in Ottoman silk, which, by the way, is heavily corded. Plain satin, or a rich brocade would be used to build the high collar, open several inches across the front, the wide reverses, the cuffs and pocket lapels, but it must match in color the corded silk used in the coat. Or the plain satin may be embroidered or braided in self tone or in most harmonious shades. Very little lace is used in developing these Directoire accessories. The lace appears in the Directoire jabot, which consists of an enormous ruff, finished with a jabot, broad at the top and tapering to a mere point just above the waist line.

Very large buttons are used on the Directoire coats, many of them jeweled or enameled. If you cannot afford a handsome button of this sort, then cover molds with heavy satin or the silk used on the coat.

This is not a difficult pattern to develop. The back and side bands are in one piece but the fronts of the body portion are separate from the fronts of the skirt, and with the underarm gorges are joined to them at the waist-line. This is simpler than an attempt to secure a straight line over the hips.

The complete Directoire gown shown is really a combination or modification of the tunic skirt and the Directoire bodice, joined by a Directoire sash. Eleven yards of silk will make this costume (and, think, we needed eighteen or twenty last season) with 2½ yards of eighteen-inch net or lace for chemise and sleeves. The pattern is suited to either cashmere, velveteen or supple silks like messaline, and a bordered fabric may be used if desired. Again, the tunic and over-bodice may be outlined by braided bands or novelty trimmings, and by far the prettiest effect for the chemise will be secured if tucked net is used. It will be noted that here as in all Directoire modes, the long snug-fitting sleeve appears.

The stout woman must carefully avoid trimming such a sleeve. She should employ only tucks laid very smooth and flat.

The high or mounted skirt, shown without a bodice attached, is worthy of study of the home dressmaker. It combines the best points of the new, snug-fitting skirt, and suggests the charming talked-of sheath skirt. It forms a splendid foundation for the use of the Directoire sash, shown in the fourth illustration.

This skirt is of circular pattern, the right side being lapel to the left. For tailored designs, it is cut walking length and finished with stitching and buttons. For more dressy wear, it can be developed in supple cloth, with hand embroidery, banding, braiding, or even fringe outlining the slash on the side, and a chiffon pleating beneath. It gives the best results if cut with quite a good train, also with the addition of trimming growing much narrower at the waist line.

Various Directoire girdles are also shown, with or without ends. The short ends, known as the postillon bow, are much used for skirts cut to walking length, but the long ends give best results on trained skirts. The true Directoire sash is fastened on the left side in front and is finished with deep fringe.

Mary Dean

## Hints for the Haggard Woman

The very thin woman with lined skin, furrows and wrinkles must treat, first, her state of mind, and then, her digestion. Generally, she is a "worrier." When she has no present trouble to fret over, she reaches into the wide future, and draws some trouble into her line of vision. She never sees the cheerful side of any question. She considers the cheerful, optimistic person frivolous and thrifless.

Let her learn to hope and then to smile, to do her work of to-day and leave to-morrow's work to care for itself. The over-forehanded woman is narrow-chested, stoop-shouldered and wrinkled.

You never saw a plump person who would admit having the blues. Cure the blues by learning how to hope, smile and laugh out loud, and you will find the first layer of adipose tissue appearing on your sunken chest and withered arms.

Encourage the growth of flesh by learning how to digest your food. Almost invariably the very thin woman is an enormous eater, but she does not assimilate her food. She does not masticate it, but literally bolts it without chewing. Learn how to chew your food. When alone make a practice of systematically chewing each mouthful ten times. Extremists say "chew each bit of meat thirty times." Do not be an extremist one day, and a backslider the next.

Learn to eat less each time, but to eat often. Make your three daily meals lighter and sandwich in two extra meals. If you are most active during the morning, and have lunch at 1 or 1:30, then between 1:30 and 11 take a cup of hot milk with a cracker or a glass of egg-nog and a bread and butter sandwich; or, if fond of fruit, try a banana, sliced with sugar and cream or rich milk.

If you have an early lunch and late dinner, or dinner at mid-day, and a late supper, then have your milk and crackers or fruit in the middle of the afternoon. And finally just before retiring, drink more warm milk. It will prove a sedative to tired nerves, as well as a flesh-builder. And all this milk should

be sipped slowly, not gulped down in haste.

As to food at table, thick soups or purées are better than clear soups or consommé as food producers. All starchy foods, cereals, potatoes, beans, peas, rice, macaroni, etc., are fat-builders, while pickles and salt fruits such as lemons and oranges are to be avoided. If the appetite is capricious and light, try outdoor exercise, walking with moderation, playing outdoor games like tennis or golf. I have a very good formula for a tonic and appetizer which is entirely harmless and which I will furnish upon receipt of a self-addressed and stamped envelope, but healthy thoughts and outdoor exercise are the best of appetizers.

The thin, haggard woman should learn to take a nap every afternoon, and, if possible, to get in at least eight hours sleep every night.

Physical culture exercises she can use with discretion, but not violently. Most especially should she select exercises which will round out the arms and bust and fill out the sunken chest. For the flat and shapeless bust, there comes an excellent remedy to be taken internally, formula for which will be sent in response to a stamped and addressed envelope.

For the sunken chest, the simplest exercises are the best. Stand erect with the heels together, the toes out and the hands on the hips, the thumbs pointing forward. Keep the abdomen in, the chest high, the head erect but not thrown back. Now on eight counts swing the elbows backward, holding the finger tips tight on the hips but the thumbs may spring away from the body. Repeat eight counts, and repeat the exercise, continuing the exercise regularly and persistently until the elbows touch. Never exercise more than five minutes, however, the first day, as the muscles are so weak that strength comes with regular work.

Another exercise which will fill out hollows in both chest and brow is this: Take the position described above, says that the arms are stretched upward and downward until the elbows, the shoulders and the sides of the chest apart, fingers together and palms down.



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On eight counts swing the right arm back as far as you can without staggering, and always on a level with the shoulder. On the next eight counts, swing the left arm back, then alternate the right and left on eight counts, and finally both arms on eight counts, making thirty-two counts in all. This movement is not unlike that of swimming, which, by the way, is an excellent exercise for thin women.

For the hollows in your throat, try swinging the head from side to side on eight counts, then back and forth on eight counts and finally describe a circle with the head. When perspiration is started by this exercise, massage the throat with the following cream:

Tannin.....¼ grain gramme  
Lanoline.....30 grains gramme  
Oil of sweet almonds.....30 grains  
This must be mixed in a double boiler over hot, not boiling water. Melt the oils together and as they are cooling, beat in the tannin. Do not use this on the face, as it is a cream which induces a growth of hair.

For evening wear the newest sort is of Spanish lace dyed in the most delicate tints of pink, blue, lavender, etc. They cost from \$15.00 up.

The enormous rhinestone hatpin is worn exclusively with large black hairpins.

The new cravats are like ribbon-chains that come to the waist line or even lower. They vary in width from an inch to two inches, and are made of velvet ribbon, or messaline, sometimes knotted in several places, and always finished with an ornament of some sort. The latter may be a tassel, a ball or a bow. The ends of coral plus velvet ribbon will be finished with old ornaments of dull gold set with imitation coral—violet ribbons with amethyst ornaments.

For the early part of the season, many of the dress hats are trimmed with flowers instead of feathers. Dahlias in rich colorings are very popular and often they are decorated with smoky brown maline.

You can get a ready-made vest in French or American style or brocade to wear with any of the new colorings. These are used with the Louis coats.

MODIFIED SHEATH SKIRT

WITH the fall changing over, the ambitious housewife is very apt to find in the attic or storeroom a number of articles which were thrust aside on strenuous days to be cleaned later, a pair of gloves worth saving, a rug badly stained but not beyond redemption, or a picture frame that needs touching up.

For all these misadventures, ailments and defects, patent cleansers, paints, or stains are sold, and if directions are followed, results are generally sure and satisfactory. But the average woman thinks that every detail in the somewhat involved directions may not be important and so the remedy fails and she blames the maker.

For instance, with one of the best up-to-date cleansers, fluids come directions to place the fabric to be cleaned on blotting paper or many folds of soft old cloth. The woman who does this will find that the pattern of the article cleaned will be reproduced in discolored lines on the blotting pattern, the fluid eating the grease and dirt right out. If the blotting paper is left under the fluid will form a ring in the fabric almost as unsightly as the original dirt.

Again, if you are using a patent varnish or stain, and instructions bid you first clean the wood, you will use sandpaper vigorously. The patented article cannot perform miracles.

Perhaps you have been told to wash and clean. For net veils, use gasoline. Put the veil in a glass jar with wide-mouth, cover with gasoline without shaking, in the open air and pour out straight to dry on a clean cloth or sheet. Wash chiffon veils in tepid suds made with pure white soap, rinse in water of the same temperature, and stretch on shoes or cloth to dry.

Never put away a delicately tinted gown, wrap or accessory without removing all spots and stains. For ordinary dust or grime use French chalk or soap, allowing it to remain on the fabric until ready to wear. If the article stains, then brush off with clean, soft brush.

If you have used gasoline to clean any fabric and find that it leaves a ring, hold the cloth over a steaming kettle and the ring may disappear.

When lace doilies become soiled, do not put them in the wash, but lay in a box, thick with French chalk. If this is done before the dirt turns to grime, washing can be delayed indefinitely. The secret of cleanliness is not to let things get really dirty, but to take the proverbial stitch in time.

Blood or meat stains on linen may be removed by first soaking the article in cold water; then make a suds with cold water and flume in cold water. Hot water at any stage of the process will set the stain in time.

Stains on mattresses can be removed by covering them with a paste made from soft earth, water and ammonia. To each teaspoon of the creamy paste made from the earth and tepid water, add one teaspoon of aqua ammonia.

For ice cream stains, especially on silk, try chloroform. Several applications may be necessary and be sure to use blotting paper beneath the stain. To remove paint stains when fresh, use turpentine or alcohol, spreading the fabric over many thicknesses of clean cloth. For old paint stains, try chloroform.

## Timely Hints for Busy Shoppers

THE most striking trimmings for messaline and other satin gowns are hands and gloves of gold net embroidered with pearls and diamonds. These are finished with cords and tassels or large jet bows.

Robinet is a good investment. It makes very good deep reaching for neck and sleeves. It is cut to the shoulders and pleated with the aid of a knife pleater. All sort nets are suitable for these new reachings which can be made in time.

For a tailored hat of large amplitude, a popular trimming is the Pocahontas feather, fashioned in the shape of an Indian head-dress, and the feathers turned upward around the crown, breast feathers over the brim, and long quills or wings falling backward on the left side.

It requires a yard and a half of net veiling to fasten around the new large hats. They are fitted very smoothly around the rim of the hat, then around the chin of the wearer, and held against the hair at the nape of the neck with a wide barrette.

At all the ribbon and belt counters you will find the new Directoire belts. They are stripes of soft silk, laid in tucks, running lengthwise, and finished with knots of the silk, and matching balls or tassels.

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Ordinance**

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Local Improvement Act, Village Act and School Assessment Ordinance the Honourable Mr. Justice Bech has appointed Thursday, the 10th day of January, 1908, at Ten o'clock a.m. at the Court House in the City of Lethbridge for the holding of a Court for the Confirmation of the Returns made under the provisions of Section 91 of the Local Improvement Act in respect of the following Local Improvement Districts, viz.:  
Local Improvement Districts 602 and 603.  
And of Section 91 of the Village Act in respect of the following Villages, viz.:  
The Village of Stirling and the Village of Staveland.  
And of Section 19 of the School Assessment Ordinance in respect of the following School Districts, viz.:  
School Districts Nos. 438, 546, 584, 678, 694, 823, 1156, 1179, 1261 and 1453.  
Dated at Edmonton this 10th day of November, 1908.  
**JOHN STOEKS,**  
Deputy Minister of Public Works.

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**The Territories Election  
Ordinance  
Province of Alberta**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased under the authority of The Territories Election Ordinance, to direct the issue of a writ of Election, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of December, 1908, to the persons hereinafter to be named, commanding him to cause election to be made, according to law, of a number to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta for the Electoral District in which he is appointed Returning Officer; and that in order to comply with the requirements of the aforesaid writ of Election, the presence of the Electors of such Electoral District is required at the place named below as the place in the Electoral District where nomination is to be made, on the Eighth day of the month of January, 1909, from eleven o'clock in the forenoon until twelve o'clock in the noon (that is to say, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta), and that in case more than one candidate remains in nomination in the Electoral District named and will be required to be held on the Nineteenth day of the month of January, 1909, from the hour of five o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon in each of the divisions of the Electoral District as may be set apart by the Returning Officer under the provisions of the said Ordinance.

The above mentioned writ of Election is directed to **RICHAUD VINCENT GROSSES**, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Lethbridge, Alberta, of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

**M. J. MACLEOD,**  
Clerk, Executive Council.

Dated at the Executive Council of December, 1908.  
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1909.

**Notes and Comments**

"Sunny Southern Alberta" is all

right even now, but "Banana Belt"

hardly applies these days.

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The effect of the earthquake shock

seems to have forced Saskatchewan

temperatures into Sunny Alberta.

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Dakota people still keep coming

looking for land. The fine farm land

in the Taber district has a charm for

them, and so far as this little cold

snap is concerned they pay no at-

tention to it whatever.

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W. A. Aubin has a petition in cir-

culation to be signed by all the coal

operators to present to the Alberta

Government to induce the govern-

ment to send a diamond drill equip-

ment and expert drillers to sink

several test holes to determine the

extent of the coal measures of the

district. This is a move in the right

direction and the Government should

comply with their request.

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**Interment of**

**Miss Bennett**

The funeral of Miss Maggie E.

Bennett, youngest daughter of Rev.

T. J. Bennett, pastor of the Holy

Baptist Church took place yesterday

afternoon from the Bennett residence

to the Baptist Church. The service

was conducted by Rev. F. W. Pat-

erson, pastor of the First Baptist

Church; Revs. W. A. Coone, Ma-

haffey, Quinn and Daek were also

present. Deceased was a child of

14 years and was of a sunny, cheerful

disposition which caused her to be

loved by all with whom she came

in contact. She was very clever and

an eloquentist of skill, having won

the medal last year in the city com-

petition.

Among the beautiful floral tributes

was one from the scholars and mem-

bers of Health Church. There was

also one from the Herkimer Baptist

Church, Hamilton, where Mr. Ben-

nett formerly labored.

The pall-bearers were: Messrs.

Henry New (of Hamilton), P. E.

Milson, M. E. Fletcher and A. J.

Bartle—Calgary Herald.

[Miss Bennett is a niece of Mrs.

J. R. Moore and while visiting here

last summer made many friends who

will regret to learn of her sad death

from typhoid fever.—Ed.]

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ADVERTISE in Free Press.

## Town of Taber

For the benefit of those who don't know I would say Taber is situated on the Crow's Nest branch of the C.P.R., and if you look at the map you will perceive that the location is unsurpassed, placed as it is in the centre of an immense farming country which is in the first stage of development, the early settler having arrived here about four years ago. It is a wonderful chance we took on upon now. Taber with a population of two thousand; with electric light, a telephone system, opera houses, hotels and general stores where all kinds of business is carried on. And only four years ago Mr. Haycock built the seventh house here! I sakes as though a wizard had possessed his wand over the place and, presto! a city appeared.

Then, too, Taber has the largest and most up-to-date mining plant in the West, half-a-million dollars having been invested. This mine is only being developed, yet it has thirty miles of electric railway underground for hauling coal, which is mined by electric cutting machines of the latest improved pattern. This plant has a capacity of two thousand tons every twenty-four hours and will, when run to its full capacity, give employment to some fifteen hundred men, which will mean a population of thirty-five hundred people added to Taber.

There are also a dozen other mines in various stages of development. All these mean an increase of population and an immense pay-roll in the near future, the greater part of which will be spent in our midst.

Another great improvement which our city fathers have in view is a waterworks system which will place us in the front rank of most up-to-date cities in the West.

The government, seeing the great development that has taken place in this district, are building a steel bridge over the Belly River which will be some eight hundred feet in length, the material for the construction of which is being moved on the ground. All this is being done for the benefit of the settler and will be of great advantage, as it will enable the homesteaders to the north of the river to bring in their produce and do their trading at Taber.

You will also see by looking at the map that we are bound to become a railway center. The fine country to the north and west must have railway facilities. How could the C.P.R. better themselves than by bringing the Wayburn branch here and from here north-west to Calgary, passing through one of the finest countries in Alberta for farming, which is already taken up by the enterprising homesteader. This, too, would give the C.P.R. the shortest route to St. Paul and to eastern and southern points. The C.P.R. having bought the Alberta Railway means that James Hill will run his line to Taber and that very shortly we shall have competing lines, and in five years from now Taber will have a population of eight thousand people.

I would say that if you have any intention of obtaining your share of the last and only West see to it that you visit Taber in the near future.

We have the location, the farm lands, the coal and the climate, and if you wish for any further information in regard to the country the writer will be pleased to inform you.

**W. BRUSH GRUBB.**

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**The Danger of Water**

A short time ago, in a certain town

in the south of Ireland, a lecture was

being given on the evils of drink.

"Yes," said the lecturer, "alcohol

has ruined the country and slain its

thousands, but when has bright clear

water caused the death of anyone?"

And from the back of the audience

a gruff voice answered:

"When he couldn't swim."

The lecturer gave it up as hope-

less.

## A Wireless Current

**CONTROLS BALLOON**

Mark Anthony, an American In-  
ventor, Performs Remark-  
able Feat

**May Revolutionize War**

possible to Drop Dynamite  
Shells on the Heads of  
Enemy's Ships

**Building Bigger Machine**

New York, Dec. 31.—Using a wireless current to control a dirigible balloon, Mark O. Anthony, an inventor of Englewood, N.J., has succeeded in steering a balloon for miles at will while he himself remained on terra firma. The balloon is twenty-two feet long. On the platform is a compressed air engine. There are two propellers and a rudder. When the balloon reached the desired height the inventor at the keyboard below throws a switch that starts the motor. He is able then to throw a switch that turns the rudder to one side or the other, and by means of his two propellers he can send the balloon up or down or straight ahead.

**CLAIMS PERFECT CONTROL.**

The inventor says he has sent the balloon ten miles from him and has brought it back at will, lowering it and raising it. A balloon forty-four feet long, that will hold several thousand feet of gas, is now being constructed. A test will be given for the benefit of the government with the larger machine.

Mr. Anthony says it will be possible for a warship to carry a balloon of this type and for the balloon to carry dynamite. Through the manipulation of the levers controlling the flight it will be possible for the balloon to pass over an opposing fleet and drop its dynamite shell on the deck of a man-of-war. The shell, held in opposition, could be released through the same agency as is used to control the balloon.

## By the Way

Once upon a time Sir Charles Wyndham acted with Miss Ellen Terry at the Royalty Theatre (London, England) for \$5 a week.

A Strasburg Professor says that an exclusive diet of milk is the simplest, most comfortable, and cheapest remedy for obesity.

"But the thing that struck me most," said the Irishman, narrating his adventures in the South African War, "was the number of bullets that missed me."

A musical dictionary defines a shout to be an "unpleasant noise produced by overstraining the throat, for which great singers are paid well, and small children are punished."

We are glad to state that there has been a large decrease in the mortality from cholera in Russia, whilst the recoveries now exceed the new cases. The deaths are now reduced to 72.

A certain doctor traces most of the cases of indigestion which he has to treat to the extra tobacco smoked on Sundays by his patients.

The New York Prevention of Noise Society is distributing 50,000 coloured signs, which householders may place in their windows for the purpose of informing hawkers of their needs.

The long reign of the shaven tip is coming to an end, and the moustache is coming into its own. The moustache of to-day, however, is closely clipped, and kept strictly within bounds.

## Fur Coats, Fur Caps

And all the necessary Warm Clothing  
for this 30 below weather

## At THE BIG 3 STORE

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A \$3000 Threshing Outfit, complete; a \$500 Piano; a 20-shoe Single Disc Drill, and many other Prizes—over 220 in all—will be given by THE NOR'-WEST FARMER to the persons making the closest estimate as to the exact number of whole kernels in five pounds of No. 1 Northern wheat.

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To record your estimate, you merely send it in with \$1.75 as subscription to TABER FREE PRESS and THE NOR'-WEST FARMER for one year.

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You are as likely to win as anyone; and whether you win a prize or not, you get sterling value for your money. In a year's subscription to two such papers as ours and The Nor'-West Farmer.

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Rings, Brooches, Lockets,  
Stick Pins, Chains, Bracelets,  
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Books, Fancy Boxes of Stationery  
Playing Cards, Pipes, Cigar Cases,  
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**AMBER**  
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**EDISON PHONOGRAPHS**  
Amber Records and Attachments

**Westlake's**  
JEWELLERY AND STATIONERY STORE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1909.

## LOCALS

The thermometer registered 45 degrees below zero last night, the coldest yet.

Mr. A. E. Ives of Lethbridge spent New Year's with his sister, Mrs. R. P. Wallace.

The remains of Benj. F. Smoot were interred in the Taber Cemetery Thursday last.

New Year's Night saw a large assembly in the opera house for the regular weekly dance.

Peter Hammer left Tuesday night for Calgary as delegate to the Agricultural Society meeting.

Mr. Robinson, day operator at the station, is home again after spending a very pleasant holiday at Calgary.

R. Duggan of the firm of Jugan & Huntrods, left Monday night by the flyer for Cardston on business.

Miss Marshall and Miss McLeod spent a very pleasant holiday with friends at Raymond. They returned Saturday to again take up their work in the schools.

WANTED, for Eastern client, half-section of first-class land within ten miles of Taber, improved or otherwise. Imperial Development Company, Ltd., Box 1740, Lethbridge, 47-1f

FOR SALE—Half section of good farm land, 150 acres broken, good well, all fenced, within eight miles of the town of Taber. For terms and particulars apply at the Royal Hotel, 47-3ip

Rev. Mr. McLaurin of Calgary, superintendent of Baptist missions in Alberta, was in town last Thursday the guest of Mr. H. N. Barrett. Mr. McLaurin was looking over the field with a view of building a church on their property here.

Everybody should attend the first annual seed fair and poultry show of the Taber Agricultural Society next Friday, Jan. 15th. The competition in both seed grain and poultry will be very keen, judging from the number who have signified their intention of having exhibits.

A convention of the Liberals of the electoral district of Lethbridge was held in Oliver's Hall in the city of Lethbridge to-day to select a candidate to contest the bye-election to fill the vacancy in the representation of the district in the Legislature of Alberta.

We want land men and owners to send us at once minute and exact descriptions of choice dry holdings at close figures and easy terms near railroad. Lethbridge or choice lands near railroads will be considered.—Atlantic-Pacific Land Syndicate, Guaranty Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn. 34-4t 39f

The heater is on fire. The Burns Club will hold their celebration on the evening of Monday, Jan. 12th. Supper will be served by Mr. Dobbs of the Union Hotel. A splendid programme will be given in Cousins' Hall followed by a dance. This is the important event of the season, and, if last year's attendance is any indication, there will be an immense crowd out to celebrate the anniversary of Scotland's poet, Burns.

## SALE OF Coal Mine Machinery

- 6—BOILERS, 150 H.P., 125 lbs. working pressure
- 2—SECOND HAND RETURN TUBULAR BOILERS, 60ths. working pressure
- 2—INGERSOLL-SERGEANT (CLASS A) STRAIGHT LINE AIR COMPRESSORS
- 1—FOUR-WHEEL SADDLE TANK STEAM LOCOMOTIVE, 42in. Gauge
- 3—LIDGERWOOD ELECTRIC MINE HOISTS, 75 Horse Power
- 4—JEFFREY ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES, 36in. Gauge
- 1—ALDRICH PORTABLE ELECTRIC MINE PUMP, 36in. Gauge
- 1000—HADFIELD MANGANESE STEEL MINE CAR WHEELS, 18in. Diameter
- 10—TONS 2 1/2 IN. SQUARE SOFT STEEL, New; suitable for making mine car axles

All the above equipment is in good working condition and offered for immediate shipment, subject to prior sale. Owing to above machinery having been replaced by larger equipment we are prepared to make it to your advantage to investigate fully before purchasing elsewhere.

Full particulars upon application to—

**The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd.**  
**J. B. TURNEY, Purchasing Agent**  
FERNIE, B.C.

Mr. H. W. Byers was in town Thursday.

Frosted ears and noses are the order of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoaglin of Burdette are visiting in town to-day.

Miss Potts left Sunday for Cardale to resume her duties in the school.

Miss Marion Colman has taken charge of the mine school and started upon her duties Tuesday.

Quite a number enjoyed a very pleasant evening's dance in Cousins' Hall on New Year's Eve.

A meeting of the Burns' Club will be held next Monday night at eight o'clock at McMillan's store.

The Knox Church social and congregational meeting has been postponed to Friday, the 15th inst.

F. R. F. McKittrick of the Lethbridge News was in town Monday and dropped in to see the Free Press.

E. O. Hyde of Lethbridge, representing the Enterprise Lumber Co., was in town Monday on business.

Lethbridge Herald.—Mrs. W. H. Gardner of Taber spent New Year's with her mother, Mrs. John Gramman.

W. R. Tracey, of Hamilton, Ont., arrived Saturday and has taken charge of the principalship of the school.

E. Venville was up from Grassy Lake and spent New Year's in town. He reports Grassy Lake as steadily going ahead.

The Taber Furniture Co. started the new year as though they meant business by unloading a car of furniture. May they go through the year as well as they started.

W. A. Aubin returned from Calgary last week and as soon as he proves his coal mine east of the town will go to Europe, where he hopes to interest capitalists in the undertaking.

New Year's Day passed off very quietly. Quite a number enjoyed themselves skating and playing hockey on the pond near the water tank. The C.P.R. deserve a vote of thanks for providing a rink.

The case of R. H. Watson vs. Canada West Coal Co. in reference to a claim for wages was up before W. A. Aubin, J.P., Monday. Judgment was given Tuesday and the company ordered to pay the wages claimed together with the costs of the court.

Mr. W. A. Aubin received a telegram from the Home for Incurables at Medicine Hat that admission had been granted to Mr. Dawson, who is paralyzed and unable to take care of himself. Mr. Aubin has been working on this matter ever since last October, and it is pleasing to note that his efforts have been crowned with success.

It is cold work hauling coal. Pity the water man. He is having his troubles.

There is a great growth in ash piles these days.

Mr. James Taylor and family and Mr. Tenney and family left Saturday for Peoria, Ill.

Mrs. J. R. Muoro went up to Calgary the beginning of this week to attend the funeral of her niece, Miss Maggie Bennett.

Messrs. H. and J. Bailey arrived this week from Granville, N.D., with a carload of horses and implements. They will settle on their homesteads north of Taber.

C. H. Gray, who has been visiting for a few weeks in North Dakota, returned home Monday.

A meeting will be held in the L.D.S. assembly hall on Jan. 14, at which interesting lectures on poultry will be delivered by T. O. Lechance and E. J. Cook.

## MARRIED

YOUNG—MURDOCH—On the 25th ultimo, by Rev. J. R. Munro, B.D., John Wylie Young, Canada West Mines, and Mary Bryden Murdoch, Scotland.

## Quaint Advertisements

A kindly spirit has been making a collection of quaint advertisements from all parts of the world. Some of them are not new, but others have a pleasant note of novelty about them. Here are few samples:—

"Our annual sale now on. Don't go elsewhere to be cheated."

"Wanted an experienced nurse, for bottle baby."

"Wanted a boy, to be partly outside and partly behind the counter."

"Wanted by a respectable girl, her passage to New York. Willing to take care of children and a good sailor."

"Wanted unfurnished room for a gentleman about 30ft long and 20ft broad."

"To Let.—Furnished apartments suitable for gentleman with folding doors."

"Wanted an organist and a boy to blow the same."

"To be disposed of—a male phanton, the property of a gentleman with movable headpiece, as good as new."

"A lady wants to sell her piano as she is going abroad in a strong iron frame."

"Lost—a collie dog by a man on Saturday answering to Jim with a brass collar round his neck and muzzle."

## Roasted on the Top of Boilers

### Ghostly Discovery of Men In Fort William

Hoboes Discover Body on Top of Hot Boiler—No Reason to Suspect Foul Play

### Was a Scotchman

Fort William, Jan. 4.—On Saturday night William and Hobb, two men, crawled into the C.P.R. power house, and proceeded to sleep on the top of the boilers. In the morning they discovered another man, named McLeod, had spent the night there; and he informed them another man was also there. Later McLeod informed them the other man was apparently dead, and, on investigation, they found this so. McLeod disappeared, but Hancy and Hobb gave the information, and were detained pending investigation, although there is no reason to suspect foul play.

The body was identified as Edward Williams, a native of Glasgow. He was lying on the hot boiler with his head on his coat, and his flesh was cooked, peeling off at touch. The others were lying on the unused boiler.

## Sets a Pace For This Year

Homestead Entries of Last Year Break All Records

A wonderful increase in homestead entries is reported at the Lethbridge Land Office during 1908. The total entries for the year 1907 were 2,331, while the entries for 1908 reach 6,821.

The entries by months for 1908 were as follows:—

January .....	175
February .....	164
March .....	219
April .....	263
May .....	211
June .....	294
July .....	301
August .....	135
September .....	3,050
October .....	900
November .....	480
December .....	827

Total ... 6,821

## Charitable Cow Punchers

Rode Outlaws and Roped Steers for Hospital Benefit

Medicine Hat, Jan. 2.—The bucking and roping contests held here, which were arranged for the benefit of the General hospital, on Thursday and Saturday, proved the best of the kind ever run off in this vicinity. Something was doing all the time, and the big crowds which attended certainly got the worth of their coin, and had the additional satisfaction of knowing that the money was given for a good cause. Mr Fleming had charge of the finances and Mr Day provided riders and horses. The gross receipts totalled \$218, and after the board for men and horses has been paid for the balance will be turned over to the hospital. As anticipated before, the arrangements could not have been improved upon. The roping and busting of the unbroken horses was scientifically carried out, and the riding of the outlaws was superb.

Heavy meals have a tendency to induce fat, while light meals tend to the reverse.

## Grassy Lake

An entertainment and supper was held here on New Year's Night under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church committee, whose church is to be erected here in the near future. The supper was held in the King Edward Restaurant at six o'clock p.m. which was very artistically arranged by the ladies of the town.

The programme was held in the school house, starting at eight o'clock consisting of vocal and instrumental talent.

The Rev. J. R. Munro of Taber, delivered an interesting lecture on Rome, being a very powerful and interesting lecture.

The programme was very nicely arranged by the Taberites who carried it through very satisfactorily, the features of the evening being the piano selection by Miss Louie Beck.

The people of Taber were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Beck, Misses Lulu and Alice Beck, Mr. W. B. Grubb, Miss McCullum, Miss Jean Primrose, Messrs. Patrie, R. Silver, W. Coombs, J. Coombs, J. Priorose, S. Irvine, Sydney Bligh, Rev. J. R. Munro. All who partook in the programme were afterwards entertained at Mr. and Mrs. King's residence until train time.

## Homesteads For Women

Miss Binnel-Clark, a woman farmer of Saskatchewan and a journalist, is now on her way to England. Miss Clark owns a farm near Fort Qu'Appelle and has been quite successful as a farmer, although she started with practically no experience.

Her object in taking up a farm was to learn whether it is possible for old country women to make a success of farm life on the prairie. She made mistakes, but experience is a good teacher, and now after three years Miss Clark has returned to the old land to write a book describing her experiences and telling other Englishwomen what she has done; what women can do in the West and how they may avoid the mistakes she has made.

Miss Clark spent some time in Ottawa trying to interest the government officials in the matter of granting homesteads to women. If the government will do this she believes that many women from the old land who have some means would take up homesteads and would in time prove valuable settlers.

## Seed Fairs

- Jan. 14, Irvine  
14, Three Hills  
15, Taber  
16, Lethbridge  
16, Three Hill Valley  
18, Raymond  
19 & 20, Magrath  
20, Alix  
21, Lacombe  
21, Cardston  
22, Red Deer  
23, Macleod  
25, Sedgewick  
26, Glouchen  
26, Dayland  
27, Didsbury  
28, Fort Saskatchewan  
28, Olds  
29, Vagerville  
30, Vermillion  
30 & 31, Innisfail

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	Section	Acres	Range	W. of
West 1/4 .....	19	11	17	4
West 1/4 .....	20	11	17	4
North East 1/4 .....	19	11	17	4
North East 1/4 .....	20	11	17	4
South East 1/4 .....	20	11	17	4
North West 1/4 .....	21	11	17	4
South West 1/4 .....	21	11	17	4
North East 1/4 .....	21	11	17	4
South East 1/4 .....	19	11	17	4
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North West 1/4 .....	16	11	17	4
East 1/4 .....	18	11	17	4
North East 1/4 .....	16	11	17	4
South West 1/4 .....	16	11	17	4
West 1/4 .....	30	11	17	4
East 1/4 .....	30	11	17	4
South East 1/4 .....	7	11	17	4
South West 1/4 .....	7	11	17	4
North East 1/4 .....	5	11	17	4
North East 1/4 .....	23	11	17	4
South West 1/4 .....	23	11	17	4
North East 1/4 .....	7	11	17	4
North West 1/4 .....	7	11	17	4
North 1/4 .....	10	11	17	4

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